Sub D1 1. (Amended) An apparatus for configuring a RAKE receiver with N fingers, the apparatus comprising:

a first stage, the first stage configured to use an input signal to find a set of more than N paths;

a second stage, the second stage configured to use the first set of more than N paths and the input signal to generate a set of N paths; and

a third stage, the third stage configured to use the set of N paths to configure the N fingers of the RAKE receiver.

A5 2. (Amended) An apparatus as described in claim 1, the first stage configured to use an input signal to find a set of M paths, the second stage comprising M correlators, the second stage configured to use the outputs of the M correlators to generate the set of N paths.

3. (Amended) An apparatus as described in claim 1, the first stage configured to use an input signal to find a set of M paths, the second stage comprising 3*M correlators, the second stage configured to use the 3*M correlators to generate M estimates.

4. (Amended) An apparatus as described in claim 3, the second stage configured to use the M estimates to generate a second set of paths.

A6 Sub D2 7. (Amended) An apparatus as described in claim 1, the second stage configured to derive the new set of N paths from the first set of more than N paths.

A7 Sub D1 11. (Amended) An apparatus as described in claim 1, the apparatus further comprising a quality signal, the first stage configured to generate a new set of more than N paths when the quality signal is less than a threshold value.

13. (Amended) An apparatus as described in claim 1, the apparatus further comprising a counter, the first stage configured to generate a new set of more than N paths when the value of the counter is greater than a pre-set value.

22. (Amended) A method for configuring a RAKE receiver, the method comprising the steps of:

finding a first set of paths;

searching the first set of paths to generate a first set of correlation values; and

selecting a second set of paths from the first set of paths based on a second set of correlation values.

Please add the following new claims:

26. (New) A method as described in claim 22, wherein the step of selecting the second set of paths further comprises tracking the first set of paths.

27. (New) A method for configuring a RAKE receiver, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving an input signal;

finding a first set of paths;

searching the first set of paths to generate a set of correlation values; and

selecting a second set of paths from the first set of paths based on the correlation values and the input signal.

28. (New) A method as described in claim 27, further comprising the step of updating the second set of paths without updating the first set of paths.

29. (New) A method as described in claim 27, further comprising the step of updating the second set of paths while updating the first set of paths.